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In Re Continuation Patent Application Of:  
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For: Open End Mutual Fund Securitization Process)

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

The above-identified Application is a continuation of co-pending prior U.S. Application No. 09/140,868 filed August 27, 1998 which is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 08/542,431 filed October 12, 1995 now U.S. Patent No. 5,806,048. Before examination, please amend the instant Application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

On page 1, line 5 (of the Substitute Specification), please insert

- - This Application is a continuation of co-pending prior U.S. Application No. 09/140,868 filed August 27, 1998 which is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 08/542,431 filed October 12, 1995 now U.S. Patent No. 5,806,048.- -

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel Claims 19-51 and add the following Claims:

-- 52. An electronic data processing method for administering a financial product traded as a security comprising:

- a) creating a mutual fund comprising a plurality a selected portfolio of securities;
- b) receiving information on each of said one or more securities in the selected portfolio in an electronic data format;
- c) processing said information to determine in real time the price of the financial product on the basis of a user-defined method of weighting the selected portfolio of securities.

53. A method comprising the steps of: